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KING IN BLACK

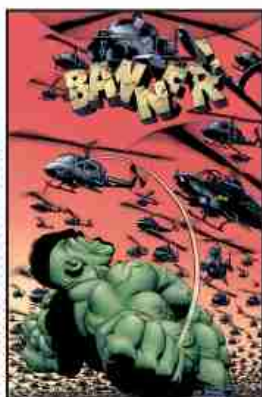
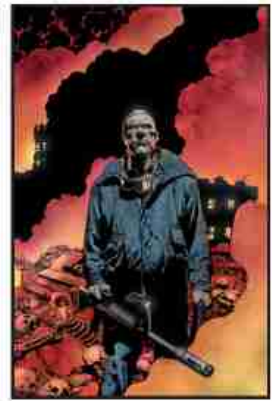
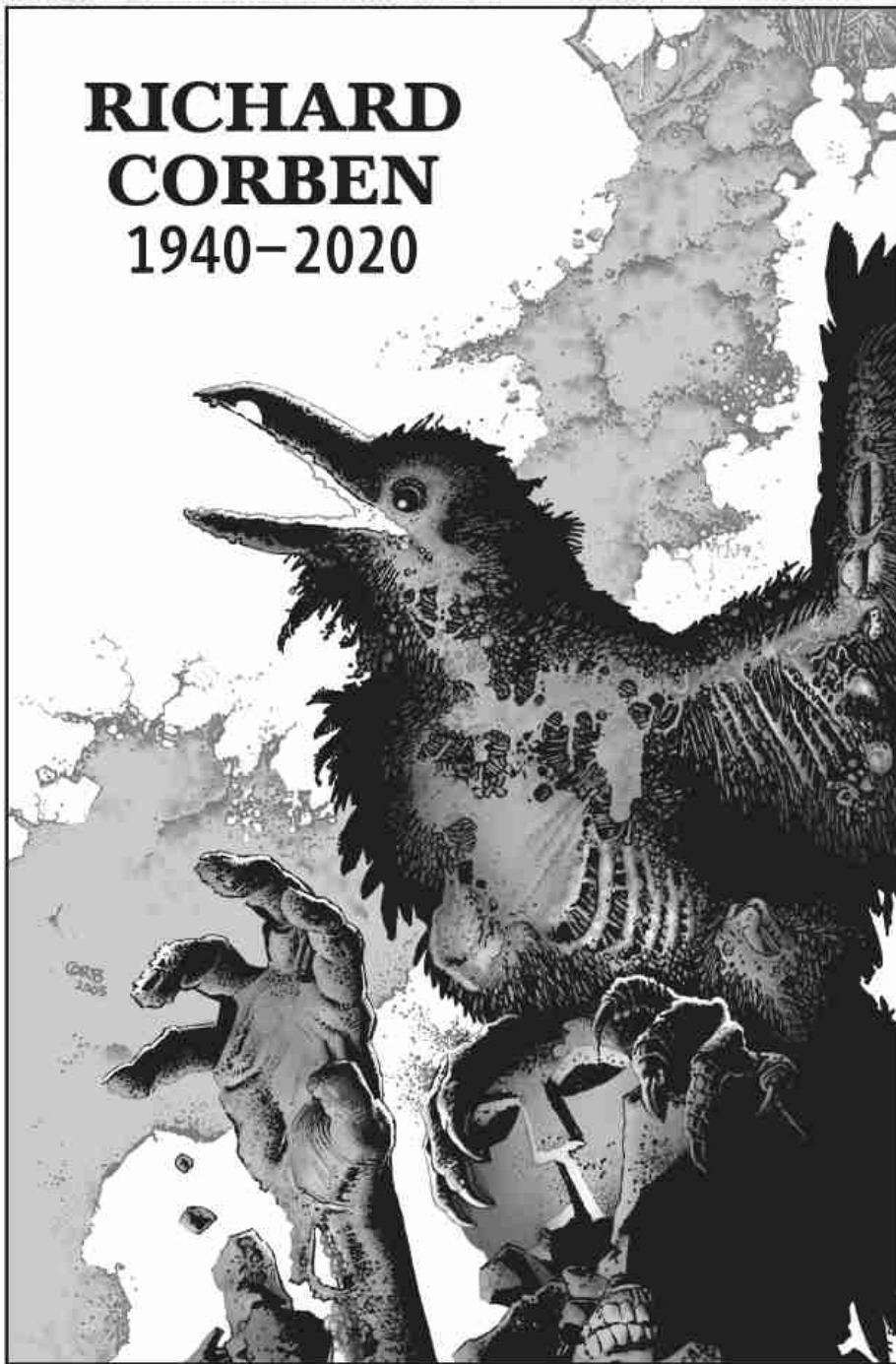


EXCLUSIVE prelude to

**霧咲山
DEMON DAYS**

by PEACH MOMOKO inside!

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—WALTER SIMONSON



KNULL--THE KING IN BLACK AND LORD OF THE ABYSS--HAS TRAVERSED THE GALAXY WITH HIS HORDE OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SYMBIOTE DRAGONS TO EXTINGUISH ALL LIGHT AND LIFE IN EXISTENCE. HE HAS FINALLY ARRIVED ON EARTH IN SEARCH OF THE ONE CALLED BROCK.

EDDIE BROCK, A.K.A. VENOM, IS DEAD. HIS SON, DYLAN, LOOKED TO BE OUR HEROES' ONLY HOPE...UNTIL THOR, THE GOD OF THUNDER, FINALLY ARRIVED. WITH DYLAN AND THOR TEAMED UP, THEY WERE ABLE TO BEGIN FREEING KNULLIFIED HEROES.

KNULL, DISPLEASED WITH THE STATE OF THINGS, TOOK THOR ON DIRECTLY, RUNNING HIM THROUGH WITH ALL-BLACK, THE NECROSWORD, AND TRAPPING DYLAN IN AN ORB OF SYMBIOTES!

A BADLY BEATEN THOR SENT HIS RAVENS, HUGINN AND MUNINN, TO RETRIEVE THE LAST HOPE IN BRINGING THE GOD OF LIGHT TO EARTH: NORRIN RADD, THE SILVER SURFER!

KING IN BLACK

CHAPTER FOUR LIGHTNING

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DYLAN.
DYLAN, LISTEN
TO ME...

S-STOP IT!
GET OUT OF
MY HEAD!

CALM
YOURSELF, CHILD.
I AM NOT HERE TO
HURT YOU...

DYLAN...
REMAIN CALM.
LISTEN TO
ME...



YOU...
MY HIVE.
MY...REBELLIOUS
CHILDREN...

YOU
ARE SPECIAL.
SOMETHING
NEW.

THEY
MADE YOU
TO DESTROY
ME.



DYLAN...
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?

I CAN HEAR
YOU. WAIT...WHO
ARE YOU?

BUT...
AS YOU CAN
SEE...

...THAT WILL
NOT COME TO
PASS. YOUR CHAMPIONS
HAVE FALLEN. THIS
PLANET IS MINE.
AND YOU...



...YOU HAVE
FAILED.

I'M A FRIEND.
I DON'T KNOW HOW
MUCH LONGER I CAN
HOLD THIS CONNECTION
OPEN, BUT I NEED YOU
TO LISTEN TO ME. I
CAN GET YOU OUT
OF HERE.



KNULL HAS MADE A MISTAKE BRINGING
YOU HERE. YOU CAN USE HIM. USE
YOUR POWERS TO BREAK
INTO HIS HIVE.

BUT YOU
NEED NOT DIE
HERE LIKE THE
REST.

YOU
ARE SPECIAL
TO ME.

YOU
ARE...IN MANY
WAYS...



DYLAN?!

...MY
SON.

YOU CAN DO THIS! FOCUS. LISTEN TO ME. YOU CAN TAP INTO HIS POWERS WITH YOURS.

YOU CAN USE HIM AS AN ANTENNA TO CONTROL--

SHUT UP!!!

I WILL GIVE YOU THE DARKNESS. TOGETHER WE WILL END THIS WAR.

JOIN ME...

...OR I WILL BURN THIS WORLD TO THE GROUND.

YES...

THAT'S A GOOD BOY.

YOU...

I'VE GOT THIS.

...KILLED MY DAD.



AGHHH!

YES!
DYLAN,
QUICKLY! NOW
REACH OUT
THROUGH
HIM!

THROUGH THE
HIVE MIND!

YES!
YOU'RE DOING
IT! YOU'RE
FREEING
THEM!

I KNOW IT
HURTS!
AGHH!!!
IT'S-IT'S TOO
MUCH!

KEEP
GOING! KEEP
PUSHING!

NGH! I
CAN'T...

JUST A
FEW MORE TO
GO! WE ONLY GET
ONE SHOT AT
THIS!

HOLD...
ON!

FIRE AND
SOUND DON'T HURT
THESE SYMBIOTES,
BUT I HAVE A
PLAN.

WE'LL NEED
LIGHTNING...



...AND
MAGIC!

AHH!!!
STRANGE! HELP!
I CAN'T--
FELICIA!



AGHHHH!



DOCTOR
STRANGE!!!
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?



YES...YES,
I CAN HEAR
YOU.

A
LITTLE
LATE IN THE
GAME,
NO?

I
DOUBT
IT.

CAME AS
FAST AS I COULD.
NOW LISTEN--I'M
DOWNLOADING A
BATTLE PLAN INTO
YOUR HEAD. THIS
MIGHT HURT.



MY
STAFF, FELICIA.
QUICKLY.

WHO WERE
YOU JUST
TALKING TO?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

THERE APPEARS
TO BE A RATHER...
INTENSE PLAN FORMING.
AND I, FOR ONE, AM
QUITE TIRED OF SITTING
ON THE SIDELINES...



KNOLL
BELIEVES HIMSELF
A GOD...

KARRAACK

...WELL,
THEN...

...TWO CAN
PLAY AT THAT
GAME.

OKAY,
LINKING
EVERYONE
NOW.

CYCLOPS.

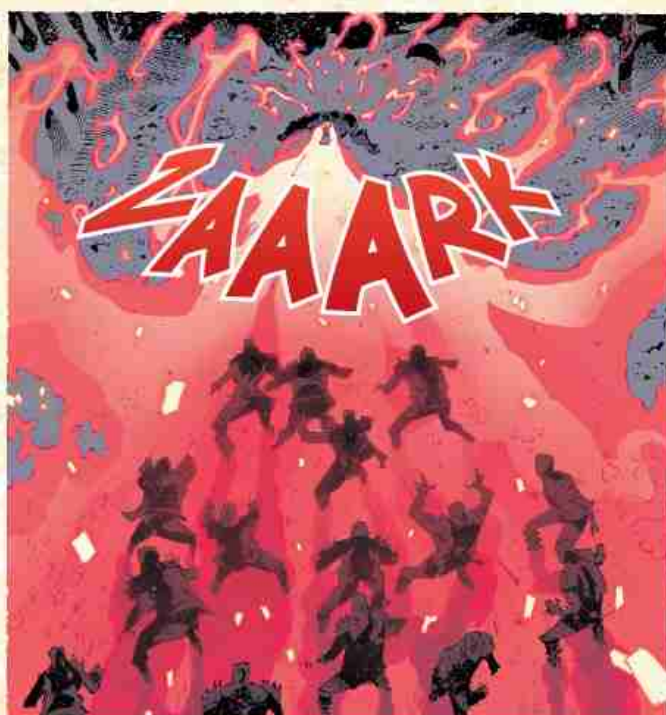
HUMAN
TORCH.

INVISIBLE
WOMAN.

DOCTOR
STRANGE.

THOR.

ON MY
MARK.





GOOD!
NOW
PUSH!

WE NEED
TO FUNNEL THEM
INTO THE CENTER
OF THE CITY!

NAMOR.

YOU'RE
UP.

ABOUT
TIME.

BOOOOM





UM...GUYS? DID
I MISS A MEETING OR
SOMETHING?



SPIDER-MAN,
GET OUT OF THERE!
INCOMING!

NOW
YOU TELL
ME!

KLANG

WE'RE
CLEAR!

STORM!

THOR!

LIGHT
IT UP!

MY
PLEASURE.

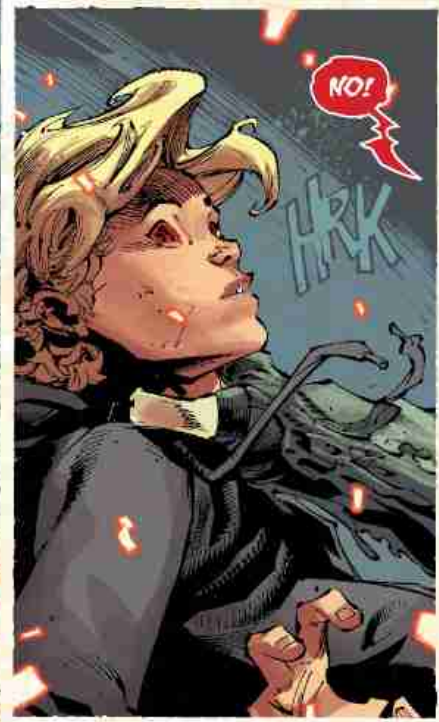
AYE.

KRAKAD
OZ



DYLAN!
GET OUT OF
THERE!

AGGHHH!



NO!



YOU...YOU
THINK YOU
CAN BEAT ME,
CHILD? WOUND ME
THROUGH MY
HIVE?!

YOU
THINK YOU'VE
WON?!



BUT YOU
HAVE NOT
BEATEN ME,
BOY!

AND
YOU ARE
ALONE! NO ONE
IS COMING
TO--

ACTUALLY,
THAT'S WHERE I
COME IN.



WHO--WHO IS THERE?
SHOW YOURSELF! WHO
DARES ENTER MY
MIND?!

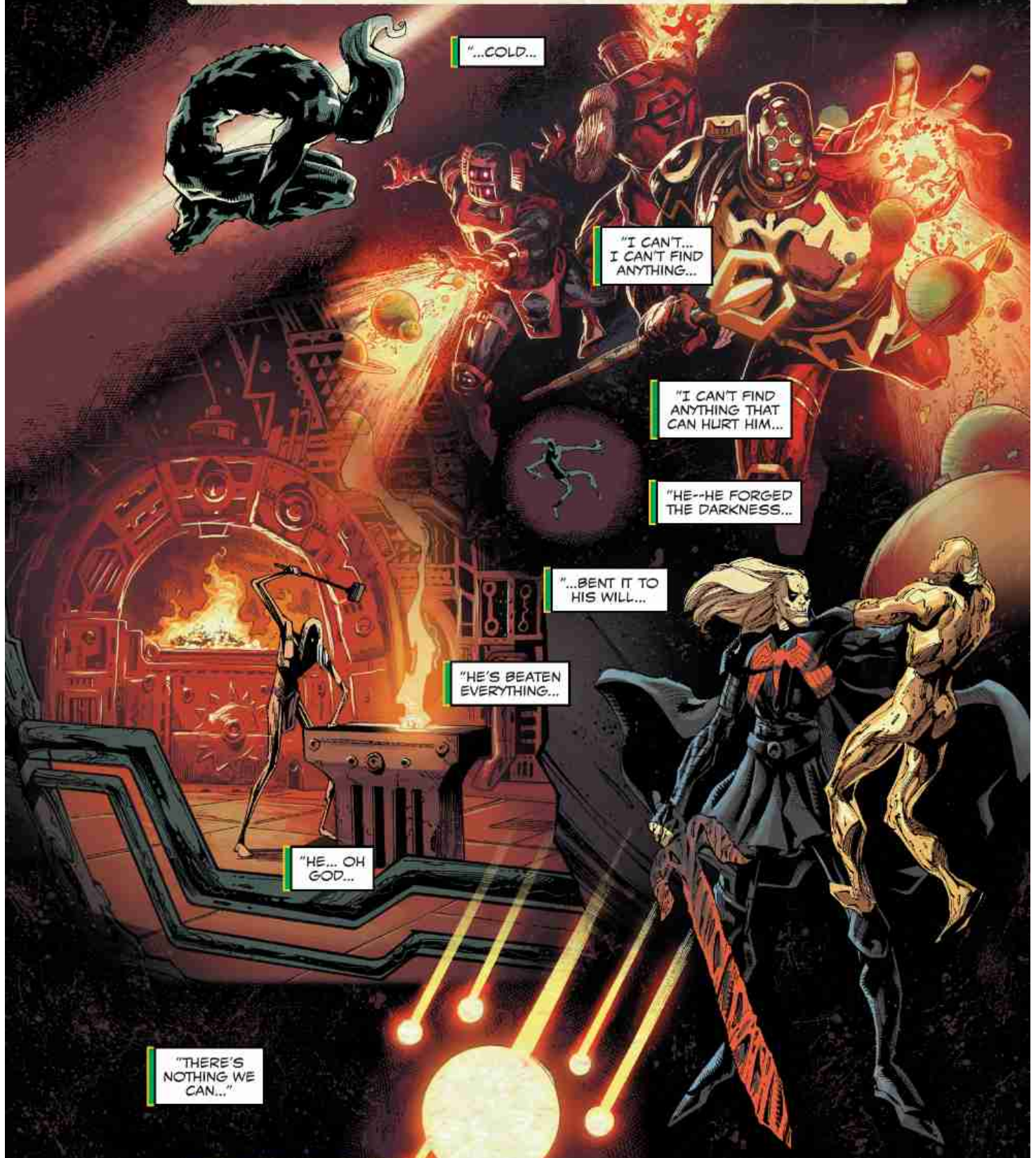
I DON'T
BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN
INTRODUCED.

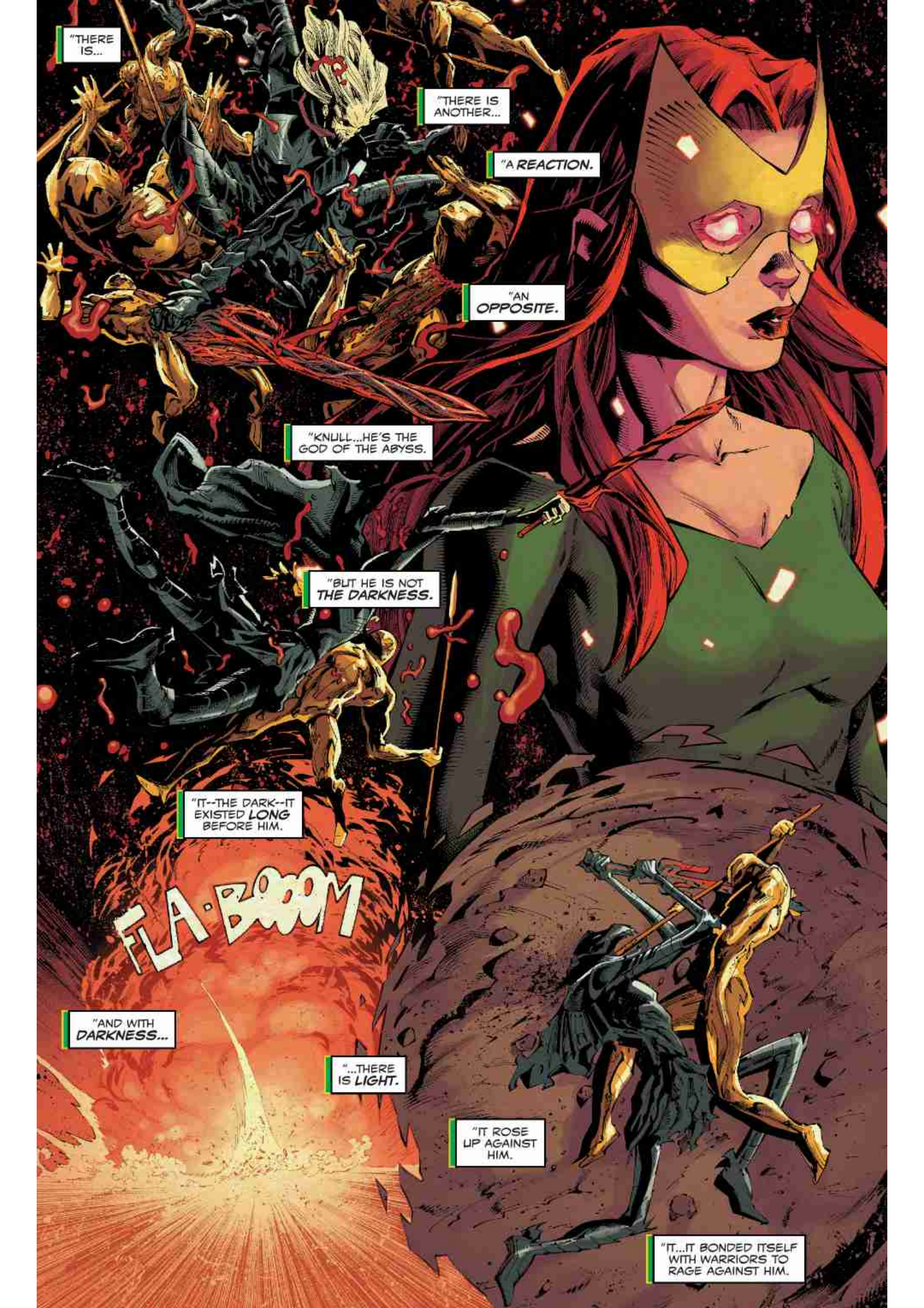
AGGHHH!



MY NAME IS
JEAN GREY.
NOW...







"THERE IS...

"THERE IS ANOTHER...

"A REACTION.

"AN OPPOSITE.

"KNULL...HE'S THE GOD OF THE ABYSS.

"BUT HE IS NOT THE DARKNESS.

"IT--THE DARK--IT EXISTED LONG BEFORE HIM.

FLA-BOOM

"AND WITH DARKNESS...

"...THERE IS LIGHT.

"IT ROSE UP AGAINST HIM.

"IT...IT BONDED ITSELF WITH WARRIORS TO RAGE AGAINST HIM.

"THE LIGHT...
IT WAS...
SENTIENT...
ALIVE..."

"IT GAVE THIS ARMY...
UNIMAGINABLE
POWER."

"BUT...IT
WASN'T
ENOUGH..."

"THE
LIGHT...IT
WAS YOUNG
THEN..."

"...OVERWHELMED
BY THE
DARKNESS..."

"...STRETCHED
TOO THIN..."

"AND SO...
IT..."

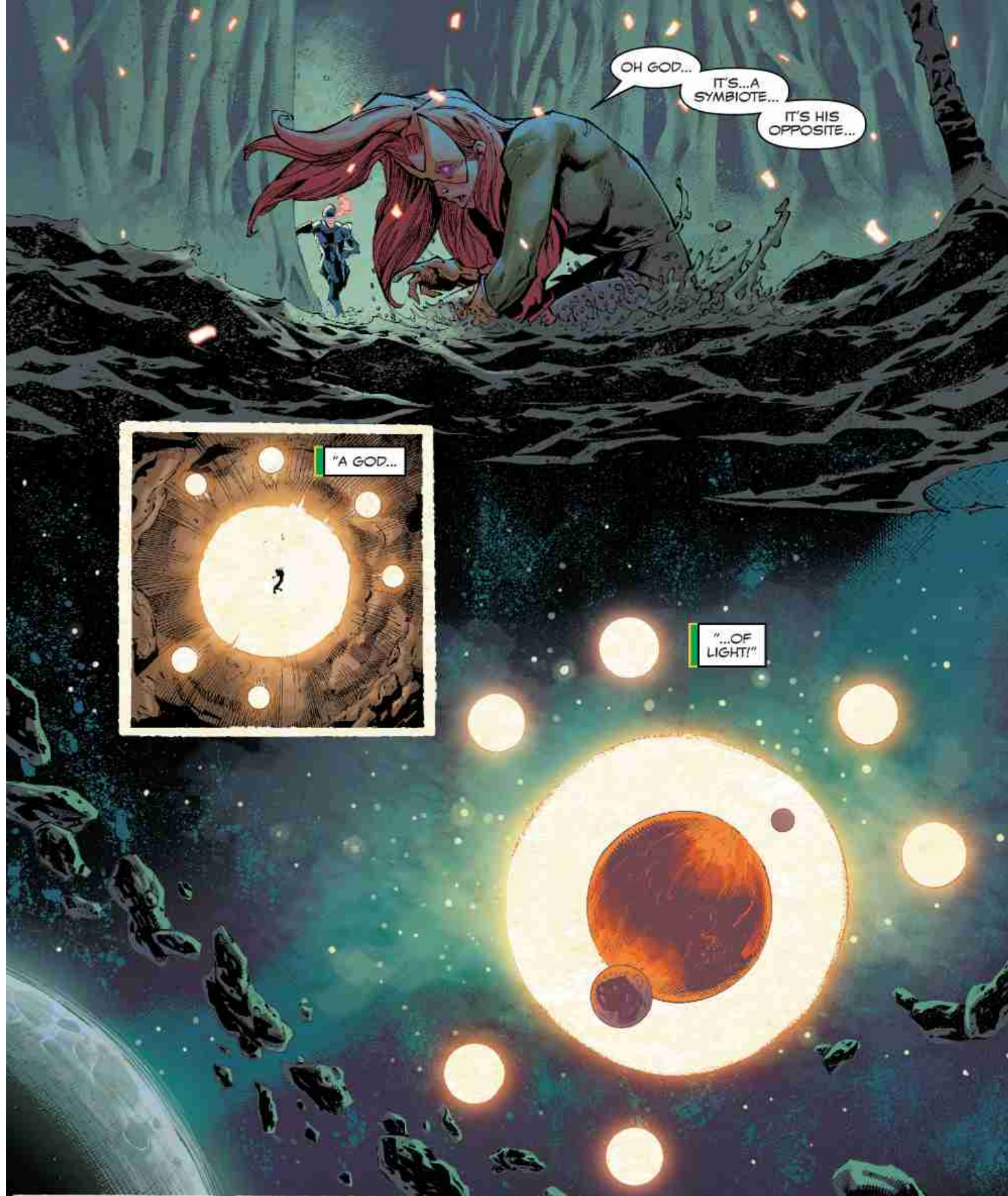
"IT BECAME
SOMETHING
NEW..."

"IT...WOULD
CHOOSE A
SINGLE BEING
IN ALL OF THE
UNIVERSE..."

"BOND
WITH THEM."

"MAKE THEM
BETTER."

"MAKE THEM
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO STAND AGAINST
THE DARK..."





"IT'S
TRAPPED..."

"I CAN
HEAR IT..."

"IT'S..."







OH...
I SEE...
YOU ARE
NOT HERE...
FOR ME...
GO,
THEN...

"...GO AND
FIND YOUR
WARRIOR."

VWAAAAA



OH MY
GOD...

JEAN...
THESE READINGS...
THIS ENERGY
SOURCE.

YOU'RE RIGHT...
IT BEHAVES JUST
LIKE A SYMBIOTE.
IT ALWAYS
HAS...

THIS...
GOD OF
LIGHT...

I--
I KNOW WHAT
IT IS.



WE ALL
DO...

WE'VE JUST
BEEN CALLING IT
BY THE WRONG
NAME...



HEH...

"CAPTAIN
UNIVERSE."



...FINALLY...

...THE
ENIGMA
FORCE...

...SOLVED.



BOOOOOW

FWAAAAAA

EDWARD
BROCK.

YOU
HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN.

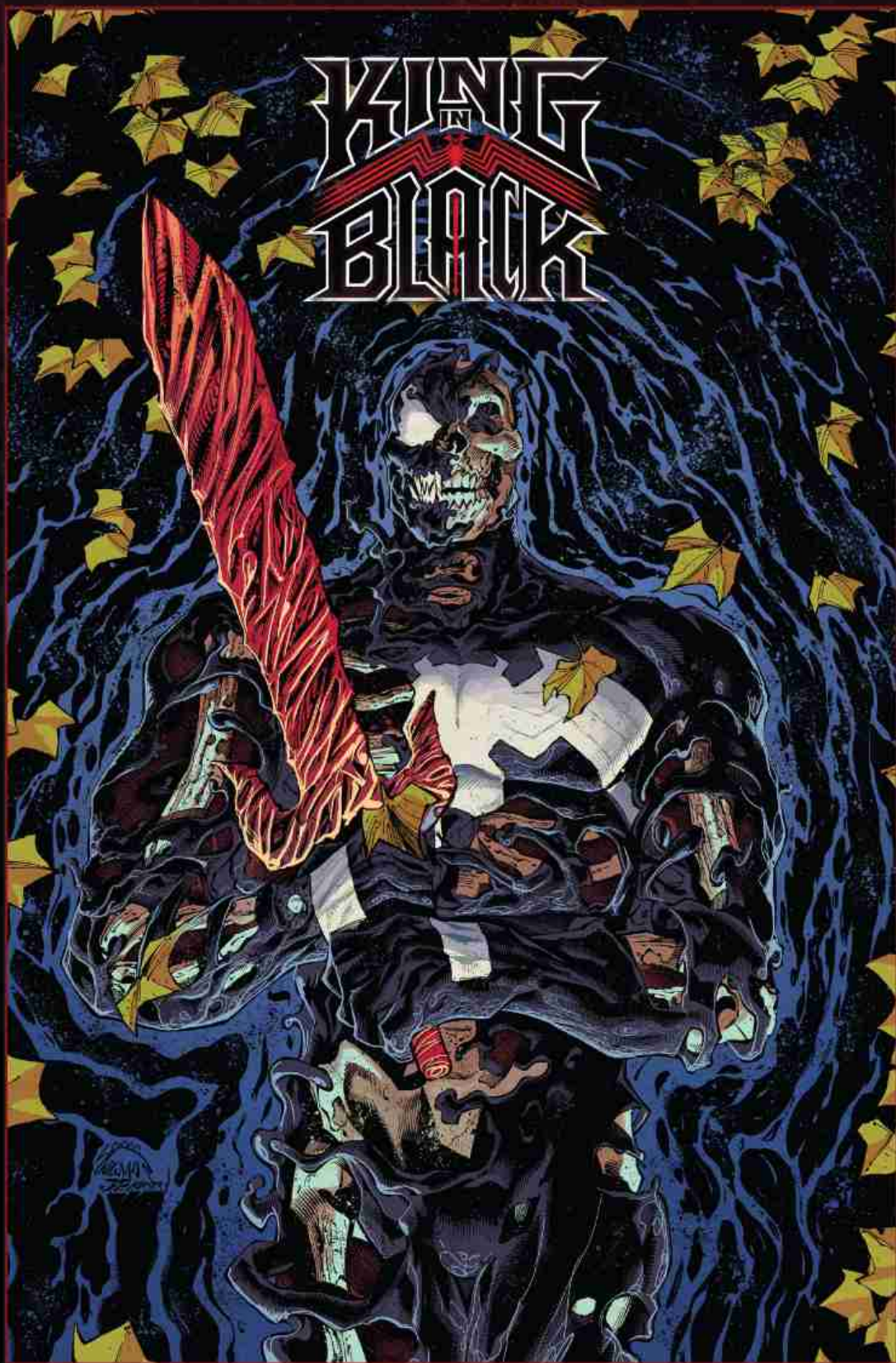
TO BE CONCLUDED!



CHECKLIST

- ☒ **VENOM #33**
ENTER THE LIGHT!
- ☒ **KING IN BLACK: MARAUDERS #1**
THE SEAS HAVE AWOKEN, AND THE MARAUDERS ARE HERE TO FACE THE RISING TIDE!
- ☒ **KING IN BLACK: GWENOM VS. CARNAGE #2**
MARY JANE FINALLY SWINGS HER AX AT GWEN—BUT NOT THE ONE GWEN EXPECTS!
- ☒ **KING IN BLACK: BLACK KNIGHT #1**
DANE WHITMAN, THE BLACK KNIGHT, LEARNS THE HORRIBLE HISTORY OF HIS LINEAGE AND THE EBONY BLADE!
- ☒ **KING IN BLACK: RETURN OF THE VALKYRIES #2**
THE VALKYRIES LEARN MUCH MORE IS AT STAKE THAN JUST EARTH WHEN THEY FIND A LARGE SPIRIT LOOMING ABOVE THE PLANET!
- ☒ **KING IN BLACK: BLACK PANTHER #1**
WAKANDA IS UNDER SYMBIOTE SIEGE!
- ☒ **DAREDEVIL #27**
DAREDEVIL FACES A CRISIS OF FAITH WHILE HELL'S KITCHEN BURNS!
- ☒ **FANTASTIC FOUR #29**
A FAMILY DIVIDED CANNOT STAND!
- ☒ **S.W.O.R.D. #3**
MANIFOLD MUST JOURNEY TO SAVE THE PLANET—AND THE UNIVERSE!
- ☒ **KING IN BLACK: THUNDERBOLTS #2**
KINGPIN'S THUNDERBOLTS ENLIST THE MOST UNLIKELY ALLY.
- ☒ **KING IN BLACK #4**
- ☐ **KING IN BLACK:**
PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #2 (PICTURED)
AMERICAN KAIJU RISES TO SAVE HIS NATION!
- ☐ **MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #23**
MILES GOES FIST-TO-FIST WITH ONE OF HIS BEST FRIENDS—CAN HE SAVE THEM?
- ☐ **SAVAGE AVENGERS #18**
CONAN HAS NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE—CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!
- ☐ **KING IN BLACK: CAPTAIN AMERICA #1**
CAPTAIN AMERICA, FALCON AND THE WINTER SOLDIER HAVE BOOTS ON THE GROUND AGAINST AN ARMY OF SYMBIOTES!
- ☐ **BLACK CAT #3**
A RACE AGAINST TIME THAT MIGHT COST FELICIA ONE OF HER NINE LIVES!
- ☐ **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR #4**
THE WAVES OF HISTORY CONTINUE TO CRASH ON NAMOR—CAN HE PUT THE LID BACK ON WHEN THE TIME COMES?
- ☐ **SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN: KING IN BLACK #4**
THINGS GET MESSY AS ULIK ENTERS THE FRAY!
- ☐ **KING IN BLACK: RETURN OF THE VALKYRIES #3**
WHAT DARKNESS LIES BEYOND VALHALLA FOR THE VALKYRIES?

NEXT:



KING IN BLACK #5

AND NOW, TRUE BELIEVERS, READY YOUR KATANAS!
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TO THE SPELLBINDING

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LONG AGO.

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HERE
YOU GO.

GOOD
BOY.

IT'S
SNOWING?

OW!

THIS
ISN'T SNOW.
IT'S SHARP--
MORE LIKE...

GLING
BLING

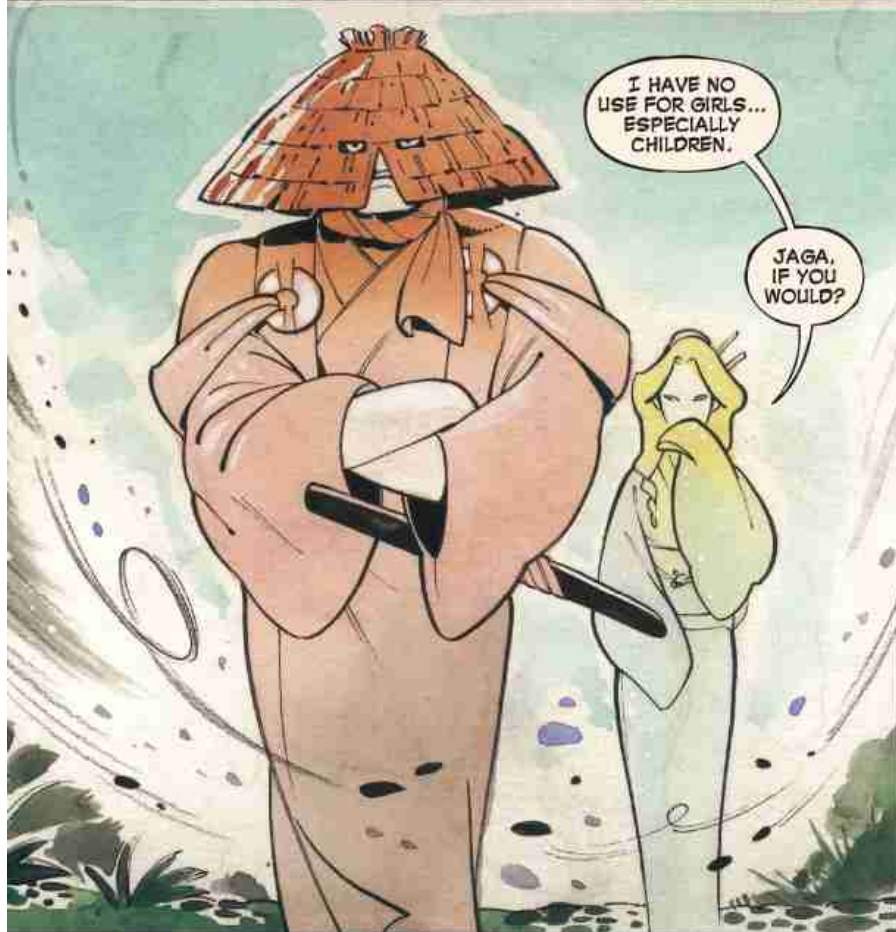


...DIAMONDS.

GREETINGS,
MASTER SAMURAI.
WE ARE BUT TWO
TRAVELERS WHO BEG
YOUR ASSISTANCE.
COULD WE IMPOSE
UPON...?



AH, A
GIRL.



I HAVE NO
USE FOR GIRLS...
ESPECIALLY
CHILDREN.

JAGA,
IF YOU
WOULD?



I KNOW
YOU!

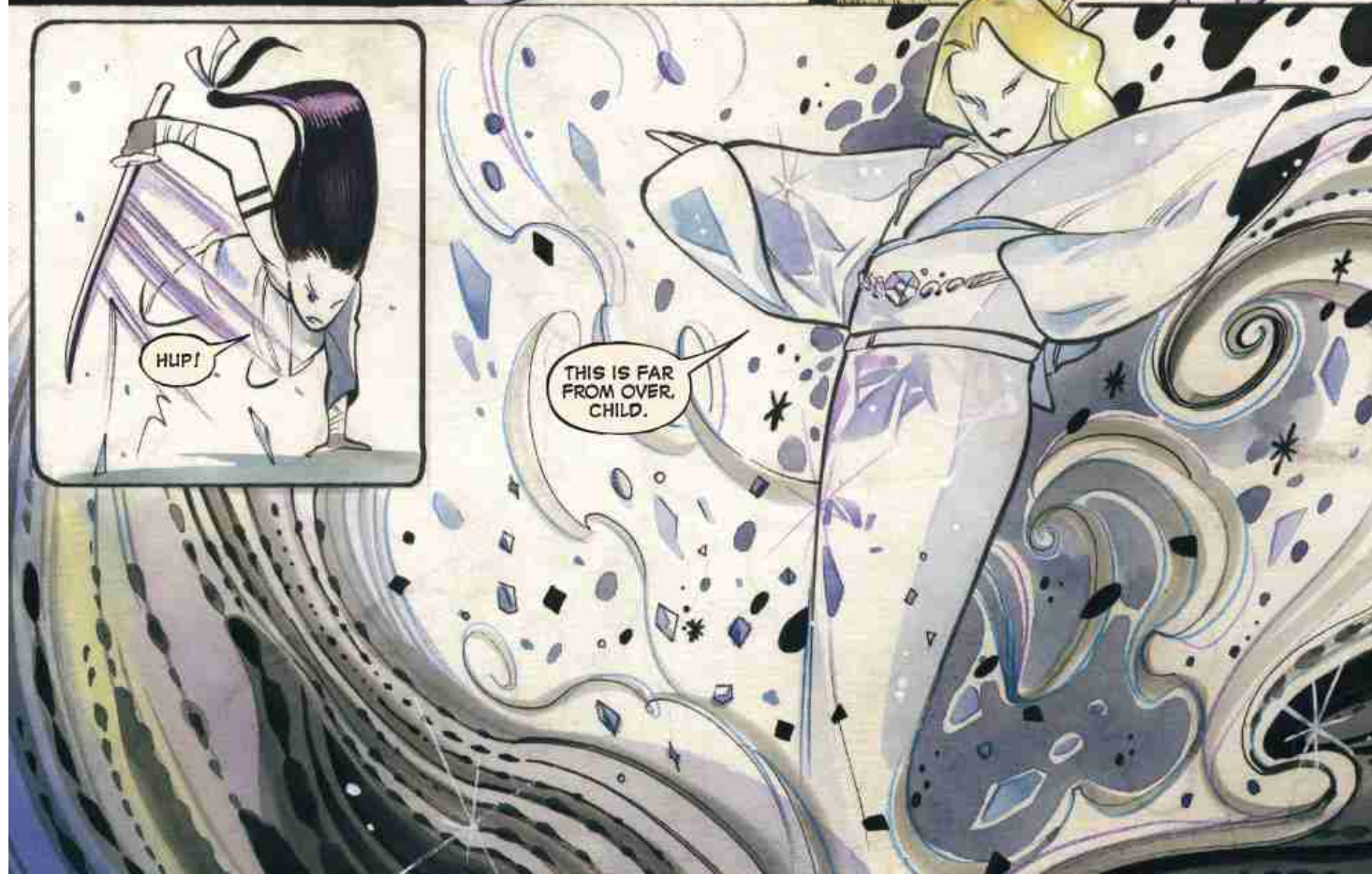


YOU'RE THE
YUKI ONNA--THE
SNOW WITCH!

THE ONE
THEY CALL THE
WHITE QUEEN!









The Marvel Universe's Days Are Numbered!

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